



GENERAL INFORMATION

Congratulations on being drawn for the Siskiyou Elk Hunt! Portions of the hunt area are heavily forested, steep, and rugged. Much of the area is comprised of private land, a great deal of which is agricultural. Elk do not occur throughout the entire area so gathering the information in advance of your hunt will likely be useful. Please be aware that although elk occur on public land within the hunt area, in some years, the majority of the herd occupies private land where hunting is prohibited or landowners charge a fee for access. We have prepared the following information to help you have a successful hunting experience.

Some of the elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars. The data we are gathering is critical to the management of this herd. In the event that you harvest a collared animal, please contact either Ms. Melissa Griffiths at (530) 459-1129 or Mr. Bob Schaefer at (530) 459-5977 immediately so that we can make arrangements to obtain the collar. In order to prevent the loss of data it is important that we are contacted as soon as possible.

REGULATIONS

All hunters should read and be familiar with regulations contained in the 2003 Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers. Section 364 (a) describes the Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk hunt area and hunting season. Some of the elk within the hunt area occur on public lands, however, animals are often found on private property. Remember you must obtain written permission to hunt on private property and hunter trespass laws are strictly enforced.

PUBLIC LAND

Most public land within the hunt area is administered by the Klamath National Forest. The primary access into the hunt area is Interstate Highway 5 and Highway 97. Many county and National Forest roads provide good access to public lands. Please be aware that some national forest roads may be closed to vehicle access during the hunting season to protect natural resources or because they are impassible. Generally, these areas are open to hunting provided access is made by non-motorized vehicle.

MAPS

Maps of the hunt area are available from the Klamath National Forest at 1312 Fairlane Road in Yreka, California 96097, or by calling (530) 841-4569 or (530) 841-4484. Klamath National Forest maps are \$6.00 each and provide general information regarding the location of public lands and roads within the hunt area. District transportation maps are also available for \$2.00 each. These maps depict many roads not identified on the general National Forest map. The Happy Camp and Oak Knoll district transportation maps will likely be the most useful to you. Forest maps may also be ordered by calling (530) 647-5390 or online at www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore/.

WEATHER

Weather in this region is highly variable. It may be quite warm but early storms are common. Snow during your hunting season would be unusual but heavy rains can occur making some roads impassable. You should be prepared with appropriate clothing and equipment for a variety of weather conditions.

CAMPING

Camping is available at National forest campgrounds and is usually permitted at undesignated sites on the forest. Please refer to the Klamath National Forest map for the locations of designated campgrounds or contact the Klamath National Forest for further information.

ELK HUNTING

For the past several years individuals who have participated in the Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Hunt have been mailed a questionnaire to gain insight into their hunting experience and to collect information regarding the distribution of elk within the hunt area.

Among surveyed individuals, hunter success has averaged 37%, ranging from 25-60%. Most hunters (an average of 65%) reported seeing elk, and 31% of survey respondents heard elk bugle while hunting. Several hunters attempted to bugle or cow call and an average of 25% (range 12-44%) reported having elk answer their calls.

Each year hunters are asked to rate their hunting experience from “1” to “5”, with a rating of “1” being excellent and “5” being poor. Those hunters reporting having a favorable experience with “1” or “2” has ranged from 30-75%, with an average of 47%.

CARE OF MEAT

Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. The weather and the steep, rugged terrain within the hunt area make it critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk immediately after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Black bear are present within the hunt area so caution is warranted if meat is left unattended.

MEAT CUTTING AND STORAGE FACILITIES

Shasta Valley Meats
410 South 11th Street
Montague, California 96067
(530) 459-5149 or (530) 459-5238
Provides cut, wrapping, freezing, and hanging services.
Open Tuesday-Saturday, but can arrange for service on weekends or evenings.

Siskiyou Distributors
1313 Foothill Drive
Yreka, California 96064
(530) 842-1616
Provides cut, wrapping, freezing, and hanging services.
Open Monday-Friday and Saturday morning 0900-1200.

DEER SEASON OVERLAP

Please be aware that the last two days of the Siskiyou Roosevelt Elk Hunt overlap with the first two days of the C-1 general deer season. Therefore, on those dates you may encounter deer hunters in the field.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding this hunt, please contact Ms. Melissa Griffiths at (530) 459-1129 or Mr. Bob Schaefer at (530) 459-5977. Again, congratulations and we hope you have an enjoyable hunt.